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MOST FREQUENTLY ASKED QUESTIONS ABOUT SWRCB STORM WATER FEES

1. *Why did I receive this invoice?*

Storm Water fee invoices are sent to every person who filed a Notice of Intent (NOI) with the State Water Resources Control Board (SWRCB). The invoice is your bill for the twelve month period shown. Under state law, a fee is assessed annually for persons who may discharge industrial and/or construction storm water under a general permit. SWRCB fee information may be found on the internet at: <http://www.waterboards.ca.gov/fees/index.html>.

2. *If I don't have any pollutants in my storm water discharge, am I still subject to an annual fee?*

Yes. As long as you discharge storm water, you are subject to this fee regardless of whether or not there are pollutants in the discharges. You must pay the fee no matter how often or long your discharge occurs.

3. *What is my fee going toward?*

The annual fee pays for the implementation and administration of the Storm Water Program.

4. *What is a Facility Identification Number or WDID Number?*

The facility identification number or WDID number is the number the SWRCB gives each permittee when they apply for an NOI. Consider it your account number with the SWRCB.

5. *What is the SWRCB's Federal Tax Identification Number?*

68-0281986

6. *If my construction project has been completed, or my facility is closed, am I still subject to the annual fee?*

You are subject to the annual fee until you (1) file a Notice of Termination (NOT) with the Regional Board, and (2) the Regional Board approves your NOT. You can receive the NOT form by contacting the Fee Line at (916) 341-5247 or on the Storm Water Website at: <http://www.waterboards.ca.gov/stormwtr/index.html>.

7. *Where do I send my Notice Of Termination?*

NOTs are sent to the Regional Board, which has the jurisdiction over your site. Please refer to the last page of a NOT packet for Regional Board locations. If you have already submitted a NOT and still received an invoice, please contact the Regional Board.

8. ***If a Notice of Termination has been submitted to the Regional Board, do I still have to pay the fee?***

Yes, the invoice is due and payable upon receipt. However, if the Regional Board approves your NOT and determines that you did not owe the permit renewal invoice, your payment will be refunded. The final status of the invoice is determined by the termination date of the permit.

9. ***I am the new owner of the facility/site being invoiced, but the invoice is in the previous owner's name. Can I pay the invoice and assume responsibility?***

No. The previous owner needs to file a NOT with the Regional Board and you as the new owner would need to file a new NOI, site map, and application fee with the SWRCB.

10. ***What if I don't know where the previous owners are?***

Contact the SWRCB and we will send you a form, which you can submit that will stop the SWRCB from sending the previous owners information pertaining to your facility.

11. ***The site is changing to a new location, can I pay the annual fee and return the address changes on the billing invoice?***

No. Your NOI was approved based on the information specifically for that NOI. Any changes to the location of your site would require you to file a NOT with the Regional Board and then file a NOI for the new site location.

As stated on your invoice coupon, if you have changes to your agency address (billing address), please note the changes on the coupon and return it to the SWRCB's Accounting Office.

12. ***If the facility is going to be sold in a few months, am I required to pay the entire fee?***

Yes, you would still be required to pay the annual fee. Storm Water annual fees are not pro-rated.

13. ***My construction project will be completed mid-year, is the fee pro-rated?***

No. Storm Water annual fees are not pro-rated.

14. ***What if I still have some questions that were not answered, who should I contact?***

For Fee / invoice related questions please contact the SWRCB's Fee Line at (916) 341-5247 or you may fax any questions to (916) 341-5248. For questions related to your Storm Water permit or the termination of your permit, please contact the Storm Water section at (916) 341-5536.